PLEASANT VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Bettendorf, LeClaire, Riverdale
UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
BELMONT ADMINISTRATION CENTER
Monday, September 27, 2021; 6:00 P.M. C.D.T.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Anderson, Ayers, Brockmann, Dickson, Hoskins (remotely), Kunkel, Wagle. Also present: Brian Strusz, Mike Zimmer, Cindy Lewis, Mike Clingingsmith, Deborah Dayman, Beth Marsoun, Darren Erickson and others.

The meeting was live streamed, recorded, and may be viewed on the district YouTube page:

PVCSD Board of Education Meeting - September 27, 2021

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA APPROVED: Motion by Dickson, second by Ayers that the agenda be approved as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: Dr. Wagle welcomed everyone to the meeting and read the vision of the District: It is the vision of the Pleasant Valley Community School District that we shall provide the finest academic and extra-curricular programs in the state – not in some things, but in everything; not for some students, but for every student.

Comments were received from members of the public and are included on the live stream recording (link above).

Director Tina Anderson thanked PVHS students who volunteered at the Quad City Marathon. She also invited constituents to contact her with concerns.

Pleasant Valley High School Principal Darren Erickson shared the condolences of the District with the families of Lars Meseke-Wren, 2019 PVHS graduate, and Carson Gardner, former Pleasant Valley student.

Mr. Erickson introduced the 2022 PVHS National Merit Semifinalists. This year's group of 14 is the largest single group of semifinalists in district history. These students are among 16,000 semifinalists nationwide who will compete for 7,600 National Merit scholarships. More than 1.5 million juniors entered the 2022 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the PSAT/NMSQT qualifying exam. The Board congratulated the following students on behalf of the District:

Jayne Abraham, daughter of Sunday and Elena Abraham
Lauren Anderson, daughter of Kirk and Catherine Anderson
Tarun Annavajjula, son of Muralidhar and Aruna Annavajjula
Matthew Bender, son of Paul Bender and Casey McManus
Bryan Caraman, son Iurie and Angela Caraman
Salar Cheema, son of Ahmad and Tabinda Cheema
Carter Dougherty, son of Michael and Margaret Dougherty
Corinne Johnson, daughter of David and Christine Johnson

Kavya Kalathur, daughter of Rajesh and Subha Kalathur
Isaiah Pielak, son of Chase and Jennifer Pielak
David Scranton, son of Paul and Emily Scranton
Beatrice Sears, daughter of Stephen and Beatrice Sears
Lillian Teitle, daughter of Justin and Kristine Teitle
Rithvik Vanga, son of Shyamsunder Vanga and Samantha Boda

Mr. Erickson also announced that Pleasant Valley High School is among 325 schools listed as this year's winners in the U.S. Department of Education National Blue Ribbon Schools Program. The 39-year-old program recognizes schools for their efforts in attaining academic excellence and closing achievement gaps.

CONSENT AGENDA:

The September 27, 2021 consent agenda consists of the following:

- MINUTES: The approval of minutes of the September 13, 2021 Regular Meeting and Executive Session
- PERSONNEL:

CLASSIFIED: Haley Hollister, Software Data Specialist, has submitted her resignation effective October 15, 2021. Matthew Hughes, Special Education Aide at Forest Grove Elementary, has submitted his resignation effective September 15, 2021. Mechie Sims, Special Education/Educational Aide at Cody Elementary, is nearing the end of her probationary period and is recommended for regular employment starting October 1, 2021.

Effective September 20, the following Food Service Employee contracts were adjusted:
Kari Nutt, Hopewell Elementary, increased from 5.0 to 5.75 hours per day
Linda Stoehr, Hopewell Elementary, increased from 3.5 to 5.0 hours per day
Mary Wenzel, PVJH, increased from 4.0 to 4.25 hours per day

CLASSIFIED *(for information only):* Kimi Denning is recommended for probationary employment as a Special Education Aide at Pleasant Valley High School starting September 20, 2021. Jessica Pessman is recommended for probationary employment as a Special Education Aide at Pleasant Valley High School starting September 27, 2021.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR:

ADDS:	Marcia Renaud	PVHS Theater Accompanist
	Erin Klage	Co-Theater Costumer
	Christina Myatt	Co-Theater Costumer

- OPEN ENROLLMENT: 2021-22 - four students IN from Davenport

Motion by Ayers, second by Kunkel that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

EXPENSES APPROVED:

Motion by Dickson, second by Brockmann that General Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $159,296.64 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Brockmann, second by Ayers that Nutrition Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $80,181.10 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, second by Kunkel that Elementary/Junior High Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $12,329.19 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ayers, second by Brockmann that High School Activity Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $35,143.13 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Kunkel, second by Dickson that Management Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $16,150.00 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, second by Ayers that Capital Projects Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $332.86 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ayers, second by Dickson that PPEL Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $30,741.62 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Dickson, second by Ayers that Internal Service Fund warrants 6279 and 6283 through 6286 be issued in the total amount of $26,391.71 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ayers, second by Anderson that Trust Fund warrants be issued in the total amount of $2,692.40 in payment of invoices presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

COVID UPDATE: Superintendent Strusz updated the Board on COVID rates in the District. The average daily absence rate since the start of school has been 4.87%; 2.98% medical (0.48% due to COVID) and 1.89% non-medical. By building, the total positive COVID rates:

Bridgeview:	<6	Pleasant View:	37
Cody:	8	Riverdale Heights:	19
Forest Grove:	<6	PVJH:	25
Hopewell:	8	PVHS:	14

To meet the needs of students impacted by the Pleasant View Week 3 cluster, the teacher provided blocks of time in which at home students could log in for live teaching. This practice will be implemented any time 20% or more of the students in a classroom are impacted.

Director Brockmann exited the meeting at 7:08 p.m. to attend her child's portion of the choral concert.

Mr. Strusz informed the Board of the Iowa Department of Education announcement that, effective October 4, school districts will be required to adhere to the federal masking requirements on public transportation.

The Board heard comments from the public which can be accessed via the link provided above.

Motion by Dickson, second by Anderson that the Board table any decision regarding mandatory masking on busses until the October 11, 2021 board meeting. Roll call vote: Ayes - Anderson, Ayers, Dickson, Kunkel, Wagle. Nays - Hoskins. Motion carried.

WISCONSIN & 35th STREET IMPROVEMENTS IN LECLAIRE: Mr. Strusz presented to the Board details of improvements slated for Wisconsin Street and 35th Street in LeClaire and the impact on traffic in that area. The Board viewed drawings of the roundabout that will be constructed in front of the junior high as well as a timeline outlining the first seven phases of the project.

Phase I will begin on October 4, 2021 and is anticipated to take five weeks. The initial seven phases are tentatively scheduled to be completed by early June 2022. At that time, work would begin on the roundabout in front of the junior high. Representatives from the City of LeClaire and project engineers will be present at the October 25 Board meeting to offer more detailed information.

The City and the District will keep residents informed of road closures, detours, and project progress.

No motion required.

FOREST GROVE ELEMENTARY CHANGE ORDER # 8: The Board reviewed Change Order #8, an ADD of $13,814.60 which reflects the cost of additional playground rock thickness as requested by the District ($12, 814.04) as well as two minor charges - exit sign relocation in the kitchen and the cost for reimbursing the contractor for one month of water service.

Motion by Kunkel, second by Ayers that the Board approve Forest Grove Elementary Change Order #8, an ADD of $13,814.60, as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes - Anderson, Ayers, Dickson, Hoskins, Kunkel, Wagle. Nays - none. Motion carried.

2020-2021 ANNUAL REPORT: Dr. Lewis and Mr. Zimmer reviewed highlights from the 2020-2021 Annual Progress Report, which has been posted to the district website.

District growth, the pandemic,and other outside influences may have impacted teaching and learning, but did not change how the District continues to strive for excellence. The following highlights were noted:

- 2001-02 enrollment = 3119; 2011-12 enrollment = 3959, 2020-21 enrollment = 5244
- In 2020-21, the district employed 631 individuals; 374 certified teachers, of which 65% hold a masters degree
- Daily attendance is consistently at 96-97%
- The 2019-20 graduation rate was 95.6% as compared to the state rate of 91.8%. The District continues to work diligently to reach a 100% graduation rate.
- The average elementary class size is 24 (maximum class size per level: kindergarten=22, grades 1-3 = 24; grades 4-6 = 25)
- In 2021, the Pleasant Valley Educational Foundation awarded 113 scholarships totalling $112,600.
- 2020-21 Composite ACT score = 25.4

- 368 students took 486 advanced placement (AP) tests; 83% earned a score of 3,4 or 5.

As compared to previous years, the District did see less growth in spring 2021 elementary assessments, which was anticipated due to COVID. Action steps as well as additional federal funding are in place to advance student learning by the end of the 2021-22 school year.

Director Brockmann returned to the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Motion by Dickson, second by Kunkel that the Board approve the 2020-2021 Annual Report as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes - Anderson, Ayers, Brockmann, Dickson, Hoskins, Kunkel, Wagle. Nays - none. Motion carried.

COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT (CSIP) PLAN: Dr. Lewis and Mr. Zimmer shared highlights from the 2019-2024 CSIP Annual Progress Report. This document is also on the district website (>District, >About our District) Key aspects of the plan that were addressed are components under the five action plan steps:

- Improving universal instruction for all PK-12 students.
- Improving the support system for all PK-12 students.
- Analyzing and assessing data to make informed decisions.
- Increasing leadership within all individuals.
- Advancing infrastructure to improve the learning environment for all.

No required motion.

SBRC REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL ALLOWABLE GROWTH AND SUPPLEMENTAL AID FOR 2020-21 SPECIAL EDUCATION DEFICIT: The state requires that the Board authorize a request to the SBRC (School Budget Review Committee) for allowable growth (also known as spending authority) for the amount of the District's special education deficit for the 2020-21 fiscal year in order for the district to receive the additional spending authority. The state also requires the Board authorize a request to the SBRC in order to receive supplemental aid. Supplemental aid is a distribution of the positive special education balances of other districts in the state to districts which have special education deficits. This supplemental aid is prorated based on the amount of a district's special education deficit. These requests to the SBRC are standard procedure every year the district has a special education deficit. Following is the District's special education deficit for each of the past ten years:

2011-12 = $ 581,361	2016-17 = $ 590,802
2012-13 = $ 417,266	2017-18 = $ 608,135
2013-14 = $ 694,098	2018-19 = $ 816,465
2014-15 = $ 565,235	2019-20 = $ 1,339,494
2015-16 = $ 452,265	2020-21 = $767,750

The 2019-20 special education deficit increased by $523,029 in part because the District was unable to bill for approximately $400,000 of Medicaid during the period after spring break (the Covid shutdown) because students were not in the buildings but staffing costs remained.

Motion by Dickson, second by Brockmann that the Board authorize a request to the School Budget Review Committee (SBRC) for allowable growth in the amount of the district's final 2020-21 special education deficit of $ 767,750 (or the amount determined by the DE after review) and a request for supplemental aid

based on the amount of the district's final 2020-21 special education deficit of $ 767,750 (or the amount determined by the DE after review). Roll call vote. Ayes - Anderson, Ayers, Brockmann, Dickson, Hoskins, Kunkel, Wagle. Nays - none. Motion carried.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS: Mr. Clingingsmith presented monthly financial reports for June, July, and August 2021. Generally, financial reports are reviewed monthly. However, June financials aren't made final until the auditors complete their field work in early September.

Through June, General fund revenue totaled $59,098,609 and expenses totaled $55,985,267. The fund balance in the General Fund at June 30, 2021 was $11,337,516. June 30th is the final day of the district's fiscal year.

Through July, General fund revenue totaled $450,361 and expenses totaled $1,285,548. The fund balance in the General Fund at July 31, 2021 was 10,502,328.

Through August, General fund revenue totaled $764,750 and expenses totaled $2,858,506. The fund balance in the General Fund at August 31, 2021 was $9,243,760.

Also presented were Management, PPEL, Capital Projects, Debt Service, Nutrition, Internal Service, and Activity Funds reports for each month. The following variances were noted: Income and expenses in the Nutrition Fund have been impacted by the pandemic as fewer meals have been sold and less food purchased. Federal subsidies have reimbursed the District for free breakfasts and lunches being served to students under age 18. The subsidy is expected to extend through December 31, 2021. Mr. Clingingsmith noted that decreased athletic gate admissions negatively impacted Activity Funds for the 2020-21 school year, but with careful spending, the total fund balance in the student activity funds increased by $34,975 during the 2020-21 fiscal year.

The District received Federal and State grants in response to COVID-19 totaling approximately $838,928 during the 2020-21 fiscal year.

Motion by Kunkel, second by Anderson that the Board accept the monthly financial reports for June, July and August 2021 as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes - Anderson, Ayers, Brockmann, Dickson, Hoskins, Kunkel, Wagle. Nays - none. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED: The meeting adjourned at 8:56p.m.

FUTURE DATES:

October 11, 2021	Regular School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
October 26, 2021	Regular School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

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OPEN ENROLLMENT

Open Enrollment is the process by which a parent or guardian residing in an Iowa school district may enroll their child into a public school district other than the one in which they reside. The deadline for filing an Open Enrollment Application for students in grades 1-12 is ***March 1st*** prior to the school year of requested attendance. The deadline for filing an open enrollment request for an incoming kindergarten child is September 1st of the year open enrollment is first requested. For Open Enrollment information and application, visit the district website at www.pleasval.org / *district / new student enrollment/open enrollment info* or contact Deborah Dayman daymandeborah@pleasval.org (563)332-5550.

(*House File 228 rescinds the 2021-22 application deadline for Davenport Community School District residents*)

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NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION

It is the policy of the Pleasant Valley Community School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, religion, creed, age (for employment), marital status (for programs), sexual orientation, gender identity, and socioeconomic status (for programs) in its educational programs and its employment practices. Further, the board affirms the right of all students and staff to be treated with respect and to be protected from intimidation, discrimination, physical harm and harassment.

The district requires all persons, agencies, vendors, contractors and other persons and organizations doing business with or performing services for the school district to subscribe to all applicable federal and state laws, executive orders, rules and regulations pertaining to contract compliance and equal opportunity.

The district is committed to the policy that no otherwise qualified person will be excluded on the basis of race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, religion, disability, or age. Further, the board affirms the right of all students and staff to be treated with respect and to be protected from intimidation, discrimination, physical harm and harassment.

Inquiries concerning the application of federal and state nondiscrimination statutes and the implementing regulations to the district may be referred to Mike Zimmer, who has been designated by the district as Educational Equity Coordinator, or to the Director of the Office for Civil Rights, Department of HEW, and Washington, D.C. Mr. Zimmer's office is at Pleasant Valley Administration Center, 525 Belmont Rd., Bettendorf, Iowa 52722; telephone (563) 332-5550.

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